Phillips County Commissioner Meeting Minutes April 29, 2020

Call to order

Terry Hofmeister, called to order the regular meeting of the Phillip County Commissioners at 9:00 A.M. on April 29, 2020 at the Phillips County Event Center in the Biesemeier Room.

Prior to the meeting the board held a work session with Road and Bridge Manager Mike Salvards.

Attendees

Chairman Terry Hofmeister, Commissioners Don Lock and Harlan Stern, County Administrator Pam Jensen and County Clerk Beth Zilla.

Attendees via Zoom video conferencing:

Deputy Administrator Laura Schroetlin and Admin Support Patrick Mitchell, District Two Candidate Garold Roberts, BST Racing President Joe Bellm, Fair board President Kayla Kafka and Pavilion Reservationist Deanna Webster.

Approval of Minutes and Consent Agenda

Lock made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda with the addition of reviewing an email on Waste Tire EDOP Scope and Cost Estimate. Stern seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Stern made a motion to approve the Minutes from the April 17, 2020 as submitted. Lock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Appointments

The board sent copies of the monthly briefing to Haxtun-Fleming Herald and the Holyoke Enterprise.

The board met with CDL drive tester Gerald Whipple. Whipple stated that he will be starting to administer CDL drive tests next week. Whipple said that he will be doing the testing at the Julesburg location and not the Holyoke location. Maintenance on the Holyoke testing route takes too much time and is not cost effective.

The board met with BST Racing president Joe Bellm. Bellm asked if the 2020 racing schedule is still going to happen. The board stated that if he can follow current guidelines regarding the allowable number of persons in a gathering, the races can go on as scheduled. Bellm stated that restriction may not be workable for him. His only option then would be if the waiver request for attendance numbers at upcoming events is granted by local, regional and finally, the governor's office. Bellm asked if they could use the track prior to that date for a hot lap. Board agreed that would be okay if he contacts the Event Center Reservationist Carrie Anderson to make sure that there are no conflicts. The board asked Bellm for a Contingency plan for rainy days. He stated he will provide that to them. Bellm asked if he could set up the races for live feed. The board agreed that would be okay.

The board met with Fair board President Kayla Kafka. Kafka discussed some contingency plans that she has been working on in case the fair will not be able to take place because of the COVID-19.

The board met with Pavilion Reservationist Deanna Webster. Webster discussed upcoming events at the Pavilion. The board stated that Webster will need to cancel all events that are scheduled prior to May 16th. After May 16th, when the new COVID-19 orders from Governor Polis are announced, they will revisit for future events. Webster asked if the kitchen would be available for the June 1-7 Cowboy Bible Camp if the camp is able to be held. Board said that it would be if they followed the guidelines for restaurant carry outs. Webster will be in contact with the board for any new COVID-19 orders.

Old Business

The board agreed to sign a Letter of Support for the Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative for the NJC Foundation.

New Business/Motions

Lock made a motion to approve the hire of Michael D. Beard as Undersheriff and that he would be placed on GN40 Grade 30 Step 1 at an annual pay of \$44,472.26 (\$3,706.02 monthly), effective May 01, 2020. Stern seconded the motion. Motion carried.

No action was taken on offering the employees American Fidelity Insurance. Jensen and Schroetlin will do more research and come back to the board later.

Board agreed to follow the plan set forth by Otero County on the Waste Tire EDOP Scope and Cost Estimate plan.

Adjournment

Chairman Hofmeister adjourned the meeting at 11:25 A.M.

Minutes submitted by County Clerk Beth Zilla.

Next meeting is scheduled for May 08, 2020.

County Commissioners:

Terry Hofmeister

Donald J. Lock

Harlan Stern

Attest:

Beth Zilla - County Clerk